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# H. R. 4224

To require revisions to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to require executive agencies to seek commercial, volume, or other discounts for purchases made with the Governmentwide commercial purchase card, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2004

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself and Mr. WAXMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. USE OF GOVERNMENTWIDE COMMERCIAL PUR-**  
4 **CHASE CARD.**

5 (a) AMENDMENT OF FAR.—Not later than 180 days  
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Acqui-

1 sition Regulation shall be revised to require the head of  
2 each executive agency to—

3 (1) seek commercial, volume, or other discounts  
4 for purchases made with the Governmentwide com-  
5 mercial purchase card;

6 (2) use procurement mechanisms other than  
7 purchase cards, including contracts, to the extent  
8 appropriate to maximize cost savings; and

9 (3) systematically collect and analyze data on  
10 use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase  
11 card, including by vendor, in sufficient detail to  
12 identify opportunities to achieve savings.

13 (b) GAO REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the  
14 end of each of the first 5 complete fiscal years following  
15 the revision of the Federal Acquisition Regulation under  
16 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the  
17 Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the  
18 Committee on Government Reform of the House of Rep-  
19 resentatives a report that—

20 (1) in the case of the first report—

21 (A) describes the status and content of the  
22 revisions required under subsection (a), and any  
23 resulting agency policies and procedures; and

24 (B) includes a determination of whether  
25 the information collected under subsection

1 (a)(3) is sufficient to identify opportunities to  
2 achieve savings; and

3 (2) in the case of each subsequent report, de-  
4 scribes—

5 (A) executive branch progress in improving  
6 data collection on Governmentwide commercial  
7 purchase card use;

8 (B) executive branch progress in seeking  
9 discounts or entering into agreements that pro-  
10 vide for reduced prices; and

11 (C) savings achieved through the use of  
12 discounts or other procurement mechanisms.

13 (c) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO GAO.—The Ad-  
14 ministrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall direct  
15 the head of each executive agency to provide to the Comp-  
16 troller General such information as the Comptroller Gen-  
17 eral considers necessary to implement the requirements of  
18 subsection (b).

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